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RE: Public Records Request Received on May 28, 2013

Dear Mr. LeVines:

This letter is in response to your public record request, received via e-mail, in which you requested the following:

"All controlled substance seizure reports January 1, 2006 to date that this request processed."

Approximately 50,000 pages of documents were discovered that would appear to be responsive to your request. These pages will be provided to you, subject to exclusion/redaction of any exempt information,¹ and the payment of the appropriate costs by you, as stated below.

Estimated Costs.

Labor

Search & Segregation(2/min)----417 hrs.@\$43.74-----\$18,239.58

Items

Copies 50,000 @ \$1.00/copy-----\$50,000.00

Other-----

Postage & Handling(\$27/50 lb. box x 10)-----\$270.00

Total-----\$68,509.58²

¹ As provided under M.G.L. c.4 sec. 7 cl. 26th, the Massachusetts CORI Statute, HIPAA, and any other relevant state and federal statutes.

² Good faith estimate only. Pursuant to M.G.L. C. 66 §10(a), the *per* copy fee that we may charge for providing copies of these documents to you is \$1.00 per page if they are mailed to you [plus applicable postage charges], or \$.50 per page if you pick them up at Worcester Police Headquarters. In addition, please be advised that 950 C.M.R. 32.06 allows for payment to the custodian of the records being sought for search and segregation time, at the rate paid to the lowest paid employee that is capable of doing the work. In this case, the current hourly rate is \$43.74. Due to budgetary and personnel constraints, we are not able to waive any fees associated with public records requests at this time.

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Also, please be advised that payment of this amount must be in the form of a cashier/bank/certified check, and it must be received and verified before we can fulfill your request. However, if the actual costs are higher than the estimated amount, the actual, total amount due must be paid in full before any of the requested records will be released to you. Due to budget restrictions, the costs for this service cannot be waived.

Once payment is received and verified, your request will be filled as soon as is practicable. However, due to workload considerations, we cannot guarantee that this task will be completed within a more specific time frame. During the course of fulfilling your request, a precise determination will be made as to which exemptions, if any, apply to any of the requested records.

Finally, if you disagree with the City's and the Police Department's analysis of whether any of the items and documents that you are seeking are public records, or which exemptions and/or costs apply, you may appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records under 950 C.M.R. 32.08.

Respectfully,
Gary J. Gemme

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gary J. Gemme", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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